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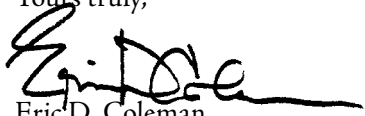
Dear neighbors,

With new leadership in the General Assembly and in the Governor's office, the 2005 legislative session was filled with new opportunity. Crucial issues were debated with a fresh perspective and many positive accomplishments resulted.

In particular, we made important improvements in the state's commitment to help cities and towns meet the needs of their residents. I have included a chart in this report that details the additional aid provided to Bloomfield.

I have also included a short list of some additional issues that were addressed. Because of the space constraints in this report, I'd like to make sure that you know that more detailed information is available on my Web site. If you have additional concerns or questions, you can call my office.

Yours truly,



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STATE AID

FOR THE TOWN OF
B L O O M F I E L D

Bloomfield will receive more state aid than last year to assist with school budgets, maintain roads and help pay for other general services.

	FY 04-05	FY 05-06	INCREASE FROM FY 04-05
Aid to Bloomfield for Schools	\$3,729,133	\$4,080,811	\$351,678
Other Municipal Grants	\$847,933	\$909,166	\$61,233
Totals	\$4,577,066	\$4,989,977	\$412,911

STATE BONDING

The General Assembly passed legislation that authorized \$500,000 for a Bloomfield facade and streetscape improvement program along the Blue Hills Avenue commercial corridor. I will continue to work to ensure that this project receives final approval by the State Bond Commission.



YOUR STATE SENATOR
ERIC D. COLEMAN



2005 LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Strengthening Ethics in Government

- The legislature replaced the State Ethics Commission with an Office of State Ethics—an independent, stand-alone agency designed to remove politics from the process

Ensuring Access to Healthcare

- We passed medical malpractice legislation to slow the growth of doctors' insurance premiums while protecting the rights of patients
- The General Assembly improved health coverage by requiring certain insurance companies to cover certain fertility treatments and ultrasound breast cancer screenings when recommended by a physician

Providing Opportunity for Students

- The legislature passed one of the largest expansions of the School Readiness Program since its inception
- State colleges and universities will receive \$52 million more than originally proposed

Protecting Working Families

- The HUSKY health insurance program for low-income adults was saved from budget cuts
- The legislature increased the minimum wage to \$7.40 an hour in 2006 and to \$7.65 an hour in 2007 to help working families